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State Treasurer Calls on Legislature to Vote to Eliminate His Position

AJR 26 would also eliminate the Office of Secretary of State

(MADISON) State Treasurer Kurt Schuller is pushing state legislators to vote on the Joint Resolution that would eliminate his office and the Office of Secretary of State. Treasurer Schuller helped draft the bill as soon as he took the oath of office in January of 2011. It has passed through committee and is waiting for debate on the Assembly Floor.

“This was my promise to Wisconsin Taxpayers. I told them I would attempt to eliminate my job and the Secretary of State to save money”, Treasurer Schuller said. “It has been nearly a year since the bill was introduced and if it isn’t taken up soon, we could face the possibility of having another election for these offices in 2014.”

Because the Joint Resolution requires a change to Wisconsin’s Constitution, both the Assembly and Senate must pass the amendment in two concurrent sessions with no changes. After that, it will go before the voters. The earliest that could happen is 2013. If a majority of voters approves the amendment, the State Treasurer and Secretary of State will end their terms on the first Monday in January 2015.

State Treasurer Schuller has already said he would not run for re-election to the position if AJR 26 does not pass.

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